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NEW TURKISH TRADE.

Desperate Fighting in Greece With Ottoman Troops—Military Augmentations in France.

Captain Mahan on the British Navy—France and Madagascar.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—An irade has been issued granting amnesty to all Armenian prisoners, except those sentenced to death for murder. The terms of the amnesty include about one hundred Armenians under sentence of death for other offences than that of murder.

An Athens dispatch to the Daily News says that a desperate fight occurred on Sunday at Prophetelias, in the Olympus district, between a Turkish detachment of eighty strong, conveying an investigation committee of eight Turkish officials, and a Greek insurgent band under Veloudas. The whole of the Turkish committee and twenty-four of the Turkish detachment were killed, the insurgents only losing four killed.

In Brazilian quarters in London it is denied that Brazil has any claim on Venezuelan territory as stated in a despatch from Buenos Ayres.

A cable message received to-day from General Gallien, French commander in chief in the island of Madagascar, states that the insurrection in the Imerina district is virtually mastered and adds that but few remaining bands are hiding in the forest.

The German warship Irene, with Admiral Tirpitz on board, has sailed for Manila under orders from Berlin to protect German and the subjects of other powers in the event of the severe fighting which is anticipated.

Geo. Von Bosen, who was prominent for many years in the German reichstag, died yesterday in this city.

The French cabinet council has decided to introduce the bill which has already been approved by the superior council of war to establish a fourth battalion in the infantry regiments, which would increase the fighting strength of the army by 160,000.

An official denial has been published of the report that the gensdarmes have dispersed a small revolutionary band which had been organized near Madrid.

The London Chronicle prints a column interview to-day with Captain Alfred T. Mahan, of the U. S. navy, retired, which is eulogistic of the British navy and of its long service system.

The second officer of the steamer Neptune from Newcastle December 13 for Baltimore has arrived at Vigo, Spain, reports that he left the Neptune on Sunday in latitude 43 degrees north and longitude 14 degrees west, drifting, her propeller having been lost. A tug has gone to her assistance.

The secretary of the Spanish embassy in Paris, Marquis de Novalles, in an interview declared that but for "American interference" the Cuban question would have been terminated long ago, adding: "The recognition of the independence of Cuba by the United States would only be the result of an insignificant whim. I believe the struggle will terminate before the end of February."

Soleil says: "If the United States recognizes the independence of Cuba, European opinion will support Spain against the United States."

It is semi-officially announced in Rio Janeiro that the Brazilian government is in possession of documents of the greatest importance in relation to that part of Guiana, which is now in dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela. The documents, it is stated, give satisfactory proof that the territory in question is properly within the domain of Brazil. It is also declared, on the authority of persons in the confidence of the government that when the dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela is settled Brazil will formally present a title to the territory and expects to triumph over all claimants.

In the presence of numerous prelates and the best known members of the American colony, Cardinal Satolli on Sunday took formal possession of the titular church of Santa Maria del Aracooli, which was assigned by the pope at the last consistory. Cardinal Satolli delivered an eloquent discourse in connection with the ceremony.

The colliery disaster at Reschitz, Western Russia, resulted from an explosion of fire damp and has proved more serious than at first reported, forty persons having been killed and twenty-seven are still missing. There are two towns in Western Russia, one of which is called Reschitz and the other Reschitz.

Eight of the anarchists who recently had their trial in Barcelona for throwing a bomb into a Corpus Christi procession last June, have been sentenced to death. A special dispatch from Paris says it is suggested that Great Britain, France and Italy, the three powers most interested, offer their services in the Cuban question in order to prevent a conflict between Spain and the United States, and terminate the revolt.

An additional batch of anarchists was sentenced to-day at Barcelona. Forty of them were condemned to 20 years' imprisonment and twenty-seven to eight years in prison.

Gaudaur Ready to Row.

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—Gaudaur, in a letter which will appear in the Mail in the morning, says that he will row either Harding or Barry for the world's championship here for \$2,500 or \$5,000 a side, allowing them \$500 for expenses, or he will go to England after August and row both Harding and Barry for \$1,250 or \$2,500 a side, receiving \$250 expenses for each race, both races to be rowed within three weeks of each other. Gaudaur says that so far he has received no challenge from any one.

TILL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

The Cuban Question Goes Over in the United States Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The senate was unexpectedly diverted to-day from Cuba to the Pacific railroads. There was an unusually large crowd in the gallery in anticipation that Mr. Vest would continue his speech, begun yesterday, on the attitude of Secretary Olney toward the Cameron resolution. The interest it has awakened was shown by the presence in the diplomatic gallery of First Assistant Secretary of State Rockhill, who is next in rank to Mr. Olney in the state department, and who has had special charge of the reports coming from consuls in Cuba. The foreign delegation was also well represented.

After the session opened, Mr. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, called up his resolution relative to the trust notes of the Union Pacific Railway. The Senator made a savage onslaught on the Pacific railroad system in general, charging that a combination of private interests was seeking to absorb the roads and close out the government.

This opened the question, and Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, followed with a bitter arraignment of the Pacific roads, charging them with fraud and crime on a gigantic scale. The speech lasted until shortly before two o'clock, when the morning hour expired, thus sending over the Cuban question until after the holidays.

Mr. Call secured the adoption of a resolution asking the Secretary of State for information relative to the killing of Charles Gavin, an American citizen, by the Spanish forces in Cuba. Further than this session was uneventful and the senate adjourned for the holiday recess, lasting until January fifth.

ROSSLAND DEVELOPMENTS.

Important Strikes in the Giant and Highland Mines—Sale of the Enterprise—Held for Murder.

ROSSLAND, Dec. 22.—(Special)—An important strike has been made in the shaft of the Giant. Four feet of ore, struck in the bottom to-day, averaged \$50 in gold. Recent assays from rock near the Highland mine, four miles north of the town, also shows ore of good value. Samples yesterday went \$45.

The sale of the Enterprise in the Slovan country for \$300,000 to M. D. Hyman of Denver, Col., is confirmed. This property was bonded fourteen months ago for \$25,000 by the Finch syndicate. It has shipped more than enough ore to pay all the expenses of developments. It is said that Finch and his associates will clean up nearly \$300,000.

James Manson has been held by Justice Townsend for the murder of Dwyer here on Dec. 12. He will be transferred to Kamloops in a day or two.

WINNIPEG COMMERCIAL BANK.

Saturday a Public Holiday at the Prairie Province—Accidentally Shot.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Justice Bain accepted to-day the resignation of liquidator Ferguson of the Commercial Bank, but declined to sanction the appointment of a new liquidator, decreeing that Messrs. Ewart and Heape, the co-liquidators with Mr. Ferguson, should wind up the estate.

Saturday next has been proclaimed a public holiday by Mayor Jameson, following the precedent set by Toronto's chief magistrate.

Antone Chatelain, a trader of Battleford, was fatally shot in the back of his neck by his son while shooting.

EXTENSIVE BANK FAILURES.

Closing of the Bank of Minnesota and the Union Stock Yards Bank.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 22.—The Bank of Minnesota, capital \$600,000, one of the best known and generally considered one of the strongest in the Northwest, was closed to-day. The last published statement was on October 6, 1896, and showed resources and liabilities of \$3,330,369. The reason given by the bank for its failure was the extreme stringency of the times and the difficulty of making collections. Further than this they would not speak. The Union Stock Yards Bank, which is closely connected with the Bank of Minnesota, also closed its doors as a consequence of the large failure. The closing of these banks was a decided surprise, but has not affected the other banks of the city.

"THE PROPHET OF GOD."

Election of an Eccentric Frenchman to the Deputies.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The Paris newspapers are full of gossip about Dr. Grenier, who has been elected deputy for Pontarlier as a Radical. Dr. Grenier is a rigid Mussulman, and intends to wear the turban and burnous in the chamber of deputies. His election was due to bad management by the Republican committees. He stood for election with the title of "The Prophet of God." He is highly educated, a skillful debater and is a medical doctor. He never refuses a consultation and never takes a fee, and gives away his whole fortune. He advocates free marriage and polygamy, and practices all the Mussulman rites, including naked bathing in the river. The newspapers jocularly ask whether he will do the same in Paris.

Xmas puzzle—What shall my gift be, well choose a ladies companion or a scissor case, carving set, shaving set, a good razor, pocket or sporting knife, set of Christy bread knives from Fox's, 78 Government street. x

Special novelties in silver-plated ware, and table cutlery at Weiler Bros. x

STEAMER "AORANGI."

Her Date of Sailing From London Changed—Suggestions to Shippers.

The Government Interviewed by an Important Delegation From Rossland.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The Ottawa Women's Council will make another effort to start a public library here.

The Department of Trade and Commerce has been advised that the date of sailing from London of the steamer Aorangi, the new vessel of the Huddart line, which is to ply between Sydney and Vancouver, has been changed to March 17. She will therefore make her first trip from Sydney to Vancouver in April. The department suggests that Canadian shippers to Australia might relieve the congested state of traffic at Vancouver by shipping to England via St. John and Halifax and thence per Aorangi.

Hon. Mr. Davies and Mr. Maxwell reached here from the Coast to-day.

Mr. Bostock leaves for British Columbia to-morrow.

The Rossland Board of Trade delegation had a successful interview with Hon. Mr. Laurier and other ministers to-day. They urged the necessity of constructing the Crow's Nest Pass railway as a government road, with facilities for the great railways to use it. It was also urged that better postal and customs facilities be granted and that the steamer channel between the Arrow lakes be dredged.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the Colonist.)

Crushed by a Cave-in.

MILVERTON, Dec. 22.—Wm. Paff, aged 23, was digging a cellar, when the earth caved in and crushed him fatally.

Montreal Conservative Club.

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—The Conservative Club has elected Sir Charles Tupper honorary president, Hon. A. W. Atwater and Premier Flynn honorary vice-presidents, and John A. Boyd honorary secretary.

Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick's Pledge.

QUEBEC, Dec. 22.—Le Courier du Canada calls upon Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick to resign his seat in parliament in accordance with a pledge signed by him and printed in Le Courier, in which he bound himself to resign or to withdraw his support from Mr. Laurier if the latter did not settle the Manitoba school question conformably with the mandement of the bishops.

Death of a Well Known Teacher.

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 22.—George Strachan, B.A., at one time one of the best known educationists of Ontario, died here yesterday, aged 84.

Killed by an Engine.

KINGSTON, Dec. 22.—Samuel Weese, who with Mrs. Weese was struck by a Grand Trunk engine while crossing the track at Colling Bay on Saturday evening, is dead. His wife will recover.

A Victim of Yellow Fever.

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—Capt. A. G. Gilmour, formerly of this city, died yesterday of yellow fever in Guayaquil, Ecuador, aged 26. Capt. Gilmour was to have been married to a young Montreal lady shortly.

MATRIMONIAL SWINDLES.

A Farmer's Son Arrested at St. Catharines for His Exploits in this Direction.

ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 22.—Francis Robinson, son of a farmer who arrived here last August, inserted matrimonial advertisements in the local papers and papers in Toledo and Chicago. He had two sets of photographs, one of a prepossessing young girl and the other of a handsome young man, which after some communications he sent to his correspondents, male and female. On various pretences he obtained sums varying from \$1 to \$15. He was arrested last night charged with using the mails for unlawful purposes. This morning he pleaded guilty, saying that he was not strong enough to work and that he did not think he was doing wrong. He secured about \$600 which he deposited in a local bank.

HOPEFUL OF ANNEXATION.

Hawaiian Delegates at Washington Anticipate Success When Congress Meets.

HONOLULU, via San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Letters from Minister Hatch at Washington, and Minister Cooper at Boston, recount an interview with the representatives and speak most hopefully of annexation. Mr. Hatch predicts that the annexation question will be brought up at the special session next spring.

TO HELP THE INSURGENTS.

A Dynamite Brigade in Process of Organization for Cuba.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Dec. 22.—A company of between thirty and forty men, composed of miners, recently employed on government works, every one an expert in handling dynamite, has left to meet at some point whence they will ship for Cuba to help the insurgents.

Don't dally with rheumatism. Purify your blood and cure it at once by taking a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

CUBAN RECOGNITION.

Report of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations—An Exhaustive Document.

Application of the Monroe Doctrine—The Friendliest Feelings Entertained Towards Spain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The report of the senate committee on foreign relations favors the adoption of the following joint resolution:

“Resolved by the senate and house of representatives in congress assembled, That the independence of Cuba be, and the same is hereby acknowledged by the United States of America; be it further

“Resolved, That the United States will use its friendly offices with the government of Spain to a close of the war between Spain and the republic of Cuba.”

The report begins with a review of the action of congress at its last session, pledging itself to friendly intervention with Spain for the recognition of the independence of Cuba. Spain having declined these overtures, the report continues, the only question to be decided is the nature of the next step to be taken, with proper regard to the customs and usages of nations.

Then follows an exhaustive review of this century's insurrections of peoples claiming independence by right of revolt. The French revolutionary wars, which disturbed the entire world for five and twenty years, are cited as having fixed the beginning of our modern international systems, at the year 1815, in the treaties of Vienna and of Paris, and of the holy alliance. The settlement of local disturbances proceeded under the influence of powers parties to these treaties until the Greeks rose in insurrection against the Sultan in 1821. The modern precedents of European insurrection and intervention, where independence was the issue involved, are cited as having begun with Greece. The massacres and atrocities perpetrated against the Greeks during this struggle are reviewed. Previous to this, at Tripoli, in November, 1820, the three powers of Russia, Austria and Prussia had united in signing a protocol expressly intended to assert the right of intervention in all cases where a European power should suffer in its international regime an alteration brought about by revolt and the results of which are menacing to other states.”

After reviewing the diplomatic contest arising from the revolution in Greece, the report states:

“In the whole discussion from March, 1821, to January, 1823, the right of intervention was never disputed, except by Turkey.”

This was the state of affairs when George Canning, becoming prime minister of England, recognized Greek belligerency. The report adds:

“This seems to have been the step which led to Canning's somewhat famous definition of the nature of belligerency in 1823. The Turkish government, we are told, complained that the British government allowed to the Greeks a belligerent character, and observed that it appeared to forget that to subjects in rebellion no national character could possibly belong. To this remonstrance Canning replied through the British minister resident at Constantinople, that ‘the character of belligerency was not so much a principle as a fact; that a certain degree of force and consistency acquired by any mass of population engaged in war entitled that population to be treated as a belligerent; and even if their title were questionable, rendered it the interest, well understood, of all civilized nations so to treat them.’”

“All the dictum of Canning's was never, so far as we know, officially published; it was quoted by Lord John Russell, then Her Majesty's secretary of state for foreign affairs, in the speech which he made in the House of Commons May 6, 1861, as his single and sufficient authority to justify the step upon which he and his colleagues in the government had decided of recognizing the belligerency of the ‘power of the community,’ which was officially called the ‘Southern Confederacy of America,’ and which at that time had not a ship at sea or an army on land, and which had given as yet no official evidence of war to the British government. Simultaneously the same action was adopted by the government of France, which ‘concluded entirely in the views of Her Majesty's government,’ and whose concurrence, in the absence of protest or objection by any other power, made Russell's view the accepted practice of Europe.”

The report next takes up to the Belgian revolution of 1830, saying:

“When the French revolution of July, 1830, occurred, it spread instantly to the Netherlands. Toward the end of August, 1830, disturbances began, and immediately became so serious as to threaten grave implications abroad as well as at home. Without concerting with or supporting King William, the powers imposed an immediate armistice upon both parties. Naturally the Belgian rebels then held themselves independent. With such encouragement, their safety was guaranteed almost beyond the possibility of risk. The claim of independence was made November 18, 1830, and was recognized one month later by the powers, in their seventh conference, December 20. The Netherlands ministry immediately recorded, December 22, a formal protest and a reservation of King William's right to decide on such ulterior measures as should be taken in the double interests of his own dignity and the well-being of his faithful subjects.”

The reports tell of the protest of Holland, followed by a Holland military expedition, which was met by 40,000 French troops. The report continues:

“Thus, within less than a year after rebellion has broken out, and without waiting for evidence of the right of the military force of the insurrection, every sort of intervention took place, diplomatic and military, joint and separate.”

The report says that the Polish rebellion of 1831 seemed to have no value as a precedent, except so far as it offered an example of the power of Russia, as the Belgian insurrection had shown the power of England and France when in union. The report continues:

“The next European people who claimed recognition as an independent

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member of the family of nations seems to have been the Hungarians. On the 14th of April, 1849, the Hungarian diet formally declared Hungary an independent state and the Hapsburg dynasty forever deposed from the throne. The next day the diet elected Louis Kossuth, provincial president. The young Emperor, Francis Joseph, instantly applied for aid to the Czar of Russia, who instantly intervened. This precedent tended to establish the right of every government to intervene in the affairs of foreign states, whenever their situation ‘tends to endanger its own safety or the political equilibrium of its frontier.’

“Besides, the four precedents of Greece, Belgium, Poland and Hungary, where new nationalities were in question, a much larger number of interventions occurred in Europe in the process of disruption of the consolidation which has on one hand disintegrated the ancient empires of the Sultan, of Spain, of the church, and on the other concentrated the new systems of Germany, Russia and Italy. Interventions have occurred most conspicuously in Spain by France, in 1823; in Portugal, by England, in 1827; again in Spain and Portugal in 1836, by England and France; and what was called the quadruple treaty in Piedmont and Naples, by the Holy Alliance in 1831; and in so many instances since 1848 that the mere enumeration would be long and difficult. But none of the disturbed countries claimed permanent independence under a form of revolution, unless it were perhaps the states of the church of Rome, which on February 8, 1849, declared the Pope to be deposed, and set up a provisional government under a revolutionary tribunal.

The report, after citing other cases, goes on to say: “From this body of precedent it is clear that Europe has invariably asserted and practiced the right to interfere, both collectively and separately, amicably and forcibly, in every instance, except that of Poland, where a European people has resorted to insurrection to obtain independence. The right itself has been based on various grounds: ‘Impediments to commerce,’ ‘Burdens on measures of protection and repression,’ ‘Requests of one or both parties to interpose,’ ‘Effusion of blood,’ and ‘Evils of all kinds,’ ‘Humanity,’ and ‘The repose of Europe.’ (Greek treaty of 1827.) ‘A warm desire to arrest, with the shortest possible delay, the disorder and effusion of blood,’ (Portocol of November 4th, 1830, in the case of Belgium.) ‘His own safety or the political equilibrium on the frontiers of his empire. (Russian circular of April 27, 1849, in the case of Hungary.) ‘To safeguard the interest and honor’ and to ‘Maintain the political influence’ of the intervening power (French declaration of 1849-50 in regard to the states of the church). Finally, in the latest and most considerable, because absolutely unanimous act of all Europe, simply the ‘desire to regulate,’ (Preamble to the treaty of Berlin, 1878, covering the recognition

of Serbia, Roumania, Montenegro and Bulgaria.”

The report then turns to the experience of Asia. In regard to Asia, probably all other authorities agree that the entire fabric of European supremacy, whether in Asiatic Turkey, Persia, Afghanistan, India, Siam or China, rests on the right of intervention.

The American precedents are handled exhaustively. After tracing the uprising in Mexico, Venezuela, Chile and the Argentine Republic against Spanish rule the report concludes:

“Diplomatically, they have maintained a regularly accredited representative in the United States for the past year, who has never ceased to ask recognition, and to offer all possible information. There is no reason to suppose that any portion of the Cuban people would be dissatisfied by our recognizing their representative in this country, or that they disagree in the earnest wish for that recognition.”

“The same thing could hardly be said of all the countries recognized by Monroe in 1822; Greece had no such stability when it was recognized by England, Russia and France; Belgium had nothing of the sort when she was recognized by all the powers in 1830. Of the states recognized by the treaty of Berlin in 1878 we need hardly say more than that they were the creatures of intervention.”

“The only question that properly remains for congress to consider is the mode which should be adopted for the step which congress is pledged next to take.”

“The government of the United States entertains none but the friendliest feelings towards Spain. Its most anxious wish is to avoid even the appearance of an unfriendliness, which is wholly foreign to its thought. For more than a hundred years, amidst divergent or clashing interests, and under frequent and severe strains, the two governments have succeeded in avoiding collision, and there is no friendly office which Spain could ask which the United States, within the limits of their established principles and policy, would not be glad to extend. In the present instance, they are actuated by an earnest wish to avoid the danger of seeming to provoke a conflict. The practice of Europe in regard to intervention, as in the instances cited, has been almost invariably harsh and oppressive. The practice of the United States has been almost invariably mild and forbearing. Among the precedents which have been so numerous cited, there can be no doubt as to the choice. The most moderate is the best. Among these the attitude taken by President Monroe in 1822, is the only attitude which can properly be regarded as obligatory for a similar situation to-day. The course pursued by the United States in the recognition of Colombia is the only course which congress can consistently adopt.”

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- WANTED**—Position as housekeeper by an experienced woman. Apply 129 Cor. morant street.
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- Teacher Wanted.**
- Applications will be received by the undersigned for the position of teacher for Trenant Public School, Delta Municipality, up to the 1st day of January, 1897.
- Applicants to state the grade of certificate held by them.
- By order, J. B. BURR, Secretary.
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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Mr. Blair at Nanaimo and Vancouver—Money Should Be Granted for Development.

The Railway to Alberni—Vancouver's Mayoralty Fight—Some Candidates.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23.—Hon. Mr. Blair created considerable sensation at the meeting last night by his assurance that "High tariff must continue," and that, though it was possible in the future—he hoped not very remote future—an ideal commercial policy, one of free trade, might be adopted. There was, he said, such need in the present of a large and even an increased revenue that no present change of fiscal policy could be expected. The West, in fact, as he found it, needed more money for its development, and that money must be had, for it would be highly reproductive in the end. Col. Domville, M.P., who followed, "brought down the house" by an unintended break with which he concluded a very amusing, if disconnected, discourse. He had, he said, a son, a very promising young fellow, and he intended on his return to find him a grub stake at once and set him off to "jump a claim" in British Columbia. The Colonel doubtless meant stake out a claim, but he said "jump," and the audience took him at his word and realizing the humor of the situation broke into roars of laughter.

Mr. William Templeton, who was chairman of the Liberal-Conservative committee during the recent Dominion election in Vancouver, has made public the announcement of his intention to be a candidate for the position of Mayor at the approaching municipal election. Mr. Banfield, who had previously announced himself, is the other candidate. The Gordon Highlanders are to give an exhibition at Dunn hall on Christmas night.

The Chinese mission on Pender street is to give a unique entertainment on Christmas night.

Dr. I. M. McLean, of Westminster, has opened an office in Vancouver.

One of the most bitter words wars on record took place last night between Ald. Bethune, Ald. Brown and Mayor Collins. The most serious insinuations were made on both sides. Fortunately the matter only ended in words. The trouble arose over the statement that Ald. Bethune had disclosed the secrets of the municipal loaning board and had been a party to the attempted unseating of the Mayor owing to his business assignment, when the Mayor's term of office expired in any event within thirty days.

Charitably disposed people are contributing towards a free dinner and entertainment to be given to the poor at the free library. The librarians, Mr. and Mrs. Machin, as is their custom every year, are taking upon themselves the onerous task of arranging the banquet and concert at considerable expense and labor.

The council had a short session last night, when Dr. Thomas' health report for the year was read. There have been 192 deaths in Vancouver during 1896, and not one case of infectious disease. Dr. Thomas again urged upon the council the necessity of cleansing and purifying the living quarters of the Chinese on Dupont street. Dr. Thomas for the second time points to the present "useless plan" of the alleged carrying out of the intentions of the milk by-law. He says that now a public analyst has been appointed by the Dominion government suspected milk can be inspected and analyzed properly at no greater expense to the city than at present. The Doctor suggests that the council require that no dwelling be erected without a plan of the proposed sanitary arrangements being deposited with the board of health.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 22.—Mr. A. K. Wolfenden, organist of Holy Trinity Cathedral, has accepted the appointment of organist of St. Andrew's Church, Vancouver.

F. W. Banton was thrown down by a steer he was driving yesterday and rescued with much difficulty from being gored by the infuriated animal's horns. The Rev. Thomas Scouler has been appointed Protestant chaplain to the B. C. penitentiary, and will probably preach a Christmas sermon there.

Minister Blair arrived at Westminster at 10 o'clock this morning, and was presented with a petition and address from the board of trade and the municipal council.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Dec. 22.—The address presented to Hon. Mr. Blair, the Minister of Railways, on his arrival here among other subjects specially mentioned the matter of the railway to Alberni. In reply he said that he had the pleasure of hearing a delegation from the promoters of this railway. He was assured that the railway, if built, would develop a region of the Island highly mineralized and which would in time be a valuable mineral producing section. He had told them that he could make no promises, but that he would bring it before his colleagues, and if they were justified in thinking the section justified the development and was really as good as it appeared, he believed the Government would treat it favorably.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

School Term Ended on Galiano Island—Interesting Proceedings.

GALIANO, Dec. 19.—(Special)—The closing exercises of the Galiano public school took place on Thursday afternoon last in the schoolroom, which was prettily decorated for the occasion. In spite of the inclemency of the weather, there was a large attendance of parents and friends, and the number of visitors from the neighboring islands who put in an appearance during the proceedings, filled the room to its utmost standing capacity. The children made praiseworthy efforts to sustain the intellectual reputation of the school and in all classics and elementary studies decidedly marked progress was observed. A book prize was thoughtfully given

for the best written essay on "Galiano Island," the children each striving to outdo the others in mental cultivation and literary taste. The prize was voted to Miss Mattie Rudd. During the evening a carefully prepared programme was carried out by the young folks in grand style, to the delight of an appreciative and interested audience, the singing, recitations and dialogues being especially good. A Christmas tree was generously provided by outside friends, Santa Claus being in evidence, and handing each child from off the tree a handsome present. Mr. Fraser and J. W. Sinclair, teacher of the Mayne island school, afterwards addressed the children, complimenting them in a well deserved manner for the way in which they had carried out their various parts and paying a tribute to the good work accomplished by the teacher, Miss Ethel J. Crookford, whose painstaking efforts in training the scholars had brought about so successful a result. During the evening a pleasant surprise awaited Miss Crookford, when a beautifully engraved silver inkstand was presented her by one of the scholars on behalf of the school, bearing the inscription: "Presented to our teacher by the scholars of the Galiano public school."

GALIANO.

LUMBER CONVENTION.

Some Indications as to the Reciprocity Which Some Americans Favor.

A Convention of American lumbermen met in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 14th of this month. There were one hundred and fifty delegates present, representing twenty-seven States. The Convention was called for the purpose of securing a tariff on lumber. One of the speakers, J. E. Deffenbaugh, editor of the Chicago Lumberman, spoke against the free importation of Canadian lumber, and showed that the trade had increased and is increasing rapidly. Referring to the Convention the San Francisco Call says:

"It is estimated that about 1,000,000,000 feet of coarse Canadian lumber is pouring in upon our markets in competition with the home product, and the ruinous effect is felt in all the lumber districts of the Union, South as well as North and West as well as East. As a result of this condition of affairs we now see the lumbermen of all sections of the Union joining in the demand for a tariff on lumber sufficiently high to afford protection to the home industry."

While the evil of the Canadian competition has been felt in the South, it has been even more disastrous on the Pacific Coast. The facilities of transportation between British Columbia and California enable the lumbermen of Canada to gain admission to our markets with ease, and the competition is the more unfair to the lumbermen of Washington, Oregon and California because of the different conditions under which the industry is carried on in British Columbia and in this country."

The Montreal Star, writing upon the same subject, says:

"The Northern mills at least must have Canadian saw logs or they cannot produce the lumber which is to supply the American demand and the awful Canadians are now filling. A stiff Canadian export duty on these logs would prevent their flow into the Michigan and other mills; and it would be very easy for the Canadian government to neatly offset any American duty on lumber by just such an export duty and thus leave the competition between the mills on the opposite sides of the boundary exactly where it is to-day."

This does not look much like reciprocity. It is to be hoped that the duty will not be imposed, but if it is Canada can find other markets for the lumber which is one of her most valuable resources.

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B.C. Gold Fields Co.	25	Josie	05
Butte	07	Monte Cristo	12
Caladonia	11	Monte Cristo	12
Cariboo Camp	11	Morning Star	13
Cariboo	11	Monita	25
Channe	26	Mugwump	14 1/2
Little Queen	05	Noble Five	15
Colona	17	Noble Five	15
Commander	27	Northern Light	15
Deer Park	18	Novelty	12
Delacola	01 1/2	O.K.	05
Elise	10	Old Ironsides	14
Eric	10	Portman	10
Enterprise	29	Red Mountain View	12
Eureka Con.	06 1/2	Red Eagle	07 1/2
Good Hope	05 1/2	St. Elmo	12 1/2
Great Western	17 1/2	St. Elmo	12 1/2
Gibson (near Kaslo)	10	Virginia	24
Good Hope	05 1/2	Vulcan	06
Iron Mask	05	War Eagle	15
Iron Queen	02	West Le Roi	25
Ivanhoe	05	Wonderful	13
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MUNICIPALITIES ACT, 1896.

With reference to the reply of the City Clerk of Kamloops to the letter of the Hon. the Attorney-General communicated to the Kamloops Council December 11, and published in the Inland Sentinel and the Victoria Times, the two papers in question evidently imagine that because the reply is couched in legal phraseology and asks certain questions that there must necessarily be something seriously wrong. They base their opinion upon an admission in the letter of the Attorney-General that there is a possible ambiguity in the Act. The Attorney-General points out, and very properly, too, that as doubts have arisen in the matter it would be advisable to amend the Act next session to make the meaning perfectly clear, and, if necessary, to validate all Acts requisite for the effectual conduct of those municipalities in the interim. This does not imply that there is necessarily anything seriously wrong, but is merely a matter of precaution, in order to avoid possible litigation or trouble in the future. Even if a verbal omission or an ambiguity did occur in the Act obscuring the meaning or rendering the interpretation doubtful, it is not a matter reflecting very seriously upon the Legislature, as the gentlemen who compose it are only human and therefore not infallible. It is not to be concluded, either, that the work was done hastily or in a slipshod manner. As a matter of fact, the Municipal Acts of 1896 were prepared with great care and well considered by the committee appointed to examine them, and the members of the Legislature.

However, returning to the questions referred to in the letter of the Clerk of the Municipality of Kamloops, which, by the way, reflects credit upon his legal acumen as a layman, there is nothing which is not easily explainable by reference to the Act. The first three questions have already been referred to in the Colonist of Saturday last, in which it was stated that sections 6 and 7 of the Act conserve to the municipality all powers possessed under Letters Patent. The latter part of the letter of the City Clerk of Kamloops is as follows:

1. What are the minimum number and the maximum number of members which the council of this municipality for the year 1897 should consist of?
 2. What qualifications are necessary for a person to be nominated for and elected as Mayor of this municipality?
 3. What qualifications are necessary for a person to be nominated for and elected as an alderman for this municipality? I am anxious to obtain this information for the members of the present council and for the ratepayers generally, and trust you will favor me with a reply by return mail.

I would also point out that the interpretation of "City Municipality" under section 1 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1896, is that the term throughout the act does not apply to this city.

It should be said in reply that the minimum number would be the Mayor and Aldermen as fixed by Letters Patent, and the maximum number would be such, not to exceed ten, including the Mayor, as the Council may fix by unanimous resolution under section 15 of the Clauses Act 1896.

In regard to questions 2 and 3, the qualifications for Mayor and Aldermen are that they must be duly registered electors under the Act of 1896, so as to comply with the new residential requirements, and must have real property qualifications required at the election just preceding the passage of the act.

As to the last clause, which evidently raises a new point, and is where the ambiguity, if any, really exists, the inter-

pretation of "City Municipality" in section 1 of the Elections Act, 1896, is to be read with the interpretation of the term "Municipality" in section 2 of the Clauses Act, the effect being to apply the two to City Municipalities hereafter incorporated, and not to exclude those already in existence.

WHERE IS MCKINLEY?

In spite of all the talk and the fuss that have been caused over President Cleveland's declarations regarding Cuba and Senator Cameron's resolution on the subject, which, if adopted by any other country in the world, would be regarded as a declaration of war, it is not generally considered that anything will come of them, save and except lively controversies in the legislatures and in the newspapers of Spain and the United States in particular and other countries in general. Were the parties disputant first-class naval and military powers, there could only be one outcome, unless one or the other of them took backwater, that is, provided the Senate of the United States adopts Senator Cameron's motion, with the endorsement of the House of Representatives—the President, if not approving it, withholding his veto. That, however, it is said, would make little or no difference, unless open hostilities be at once precipitated—directly or indirectly—by one or other of the parties, since, within a little over two months, Mr. McKinley will be at the head of affairs in the United States. It is anticipated that the whole business, with all its possibilities, will in some way or another be shouldered off upon Mr. Cleveland's successor.

In Spain, it is concluded by many that no matter how distinctly and definitely Mr. Olney may have explained the relative functions of the executive and the legislative branches of the American system, Congress really represents the public feeling throughout the United States which is bent upon securing the independence of Cuba, even at the cost of armed intervention. Meantime, under all the circumstances, there is a considerable element in the Iberian Kingdom, which is prepared to quietly await a settlement of the controversies which may possibly arise in the United States on the subject of respective responsibilities in the expectation that all will eventually be arranged. Military and naval preparations are, however, it would appear, already on foot looking to the strengthening of the fortifications on the island of Cuba, and certain it is that even the more peacefully disposed element in Spain will, as far as possible, take time by the forelock, remembering that the greatest security for peace is preparedness for war.

CRIME AND POVERTY.

Vancouver and New Westminster have recently been complaining of a plague of highwaymen of the commonest sort, whose exploits, unlike those of the roadmen of old, have been confined to the lone individual who was passing through a dark place. From several parts of the United States have come accounts of organized attempts more or less successful to "hold up" trains and go through the passengers, while it is complained that the City of Montreal is infested with a gang of professional pickpockets. As regards the holds up of trains, experience has shown that there are always "more or less respectable" people living in remote parts of the country, but still at no great distance from the lines of railway travel, who are always ready to turn a few dollars by becoming roadmen. Numerous novels, among them the "Hoosier Schoolmaster," have illustrated this, while, in regard to the more petty offences of this class in the towns and their outskirts they may, to a considerable extent be said to indicate not only a scarcity of employment, but the presence among the unemployed of people of that class which declares that as long as there is anything going they are determined not to starve.

This should not be, and there are doubtless not a few who cannot obtain work and are ashamed to let their wants be known—who, from sheer desperation would, driven by the personal requirements of themselves and families, accept the alternative of stealing were it not for the fear of consequences. But there is a class that would rather die—and is practically in a dying condition—rather than take that which does not belong to them. The two last-mentioned classes deserve all consideration and, at the present season of the year, when the heart of almost everyone wells out in generosity and benevolence, it would be proper for those who know of cases needing help to communicate with the different individuals and organizations that are known for their consistent and persistent efforts to help the needy. The difficulty is, however, that not unfrequently after Christmas time not a few of the cases are largely lost sight of, the fact being that though a little consideration at Christmas may oftentimes cheer, as the poet puts it, the poor man's heart through half the year, it does nothing towards lifting up the individual and enabling him to get on his feet again. This is an aspect of the matter that is worthy of attention. It is satisfactory to be informed that the conditions of many people have been considerably improved since this time last year, but there are still many to whom, as the Irishman once put it, "A little assistance would be mighty convenient."

LEARNING MADE EASY.

It is the fashion at the school examinations which take place at this time of the year to congratulate the children on the great advantages they possess, and to compare the schools of to-day with those of thirty or forty years ago to the disparagement of the latter. The beauty, the comfort and the convenience of the modern schoolroom, the excellence of the system of education and the attainments of the scholars are dilated upon, and a great deal of commiseration is expressed for the homespun-clad lad who used to plough his way through the snow-drifts to attend school in a rude log-cabin furnished with rough wooden benches and cumbrous desks, a big stove and, perhaps, a map of the hemispheres, and a few square feet of badly painted blackboard. As one listens to the orator he is apt to think, especially if he is young and inexperienced, that study in such circumstances and without any of the appliances which make learning in these days so much easier and more pleasant, would be almost impossible. But would he be right. Well lighted, pleasant, airy, warm rooms are good things. Blackboards, maps and globes are great helps. Comfortable seats and commodious desks should make the hours of school less irksome. But though we should be thankful that our children especially the little ones, have these comforts and advantages we do not think we are justified in concluding that because of them they are being better fitted for their life's work than the children who with ruder appliances and amid less comfortable surroundings acquired the knowledge which has enabled them to carve out homes for themselves in the wilderness, or to carry on successfully the business of a new country. An education that is worth getting is worth working for, and the lad who has to undergo some self-denial and endure privation in order to attend school is likely to make a better use of his opportunities than he who has no sacrifices to make and little effort to exert to gain the information which his teacher is anxious to impart. If the schools of British Columbia in the last ten years of the nineteenth century produce as many honest men with as sound an education as the schools in the older provinces did in the middle of it they will deserve to be remembered with gratitude by future generations of Canadians.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

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THE CITY.

Our photos are permanent.—Savanah.

A SPECIAL meeting of the city council is to be held at 8 o'clock this evening.

The funeral of the late Miss Margaret Peden takes place at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the family residence at 24 San Juan avenue.

The Supreme and County court registrars' offices will be closed to-morrow, Friday and Saturday, and on New Year's day and the day following.

The charge against Lee Yim Chuck was yesterday amended from "house-breaking" to "using threatening language," and he was again bound over to keep the peace.

The treasurer of the British Columbia Benevolent Association acknowledges with sincere thanks Christmas donations of \$25 from the Mayor and corporation and of \$5 from Hon. J. S. Helmcken.

"JIMMY" Gibbons and Fred. Heal, two Victoria boys, who went away six months or more ago, have returned full-fledged vaudeville performers with an engagement at the Delmonico. They do team work in "white-face," and young Gibbons is drawing crowds nightly with his wonderful tumbling feats and high kicking.

The wines of France. The enormous value of the production of the vineyards of France is hardly realized by the world generally. The wealth of that great country is largely derived from viticulture and the success of this industry is no doubt due in a great measure to the very superior quality of the wines. No other country has yet produced good champagne, and among the various brands of this delicious wine probably none stands higher than the pure and perfect Dry Monopole of Messrs. Heidsieck & Co., Rheims. This wine may now be obtained in the Province from Messrs. Heidsieck's agents, Turner, Beeton & Co.

At the Victoria Rice Mills, Mr. J. Frank has on exhibition a Dixon hand drill, a most ingenious device for mining that bids fair to do away to a large extent with the laborious work of what the miners call "thumping steel." The drill, which is on the principle somewhat of an air or electric drill, is worked by cranks like a hand-boring machine, one man working it with the greatest ease. The drill is raised by means of cranks and falls with a force two to four times heavier than a blow struck by a hand hammer. The pressure is regulated automatically, and 200 blows a minute can be struck. The machine only weighs 80 lbs., and with tripod and rods for using the drill in any position about 50 lbs. more. The contrivance is certainly a most ingenious and useful one, especially where power drills cannot be used.

THREE RIVERS, Que., has been having a Chinese leprosy scare during the past few weeks, a washerman in that city having been discovered afflicted with some form of skin disease, the exact nature of which has not yet been determined, but which "looks like leprosy." The result has been consternation among the Triluvians—especially those who have patronized the Chinese laundries. Here on the Coast no fresh cases of leprosy have been discovered for considerably more than a year, the little colony at Darcy island becoming smaller and smaller as one by one intercurrent diseases carry off the victims of the plague. Undoubtedly the colony would grow instead of diminish but for the strict inspection of all Asiatics arriving by each Oriental steamer. It is but very recently that a case of well developed leprosy was discovered among the steerage passengers by one of the Asiatic steamers the victim being refused admission to Canada and returned by order of the superintendent of quarantine to the Flowery Kingdom by the same steamer that had brought him thence.

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N. P. LINERS IN PORT.

Two Oriental Mail Carriers Arrive
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Captain Clements Turns Up In Alaska—The "Carlotta G. Cox" Will Away.

An inward and an outward bound Northern Pacific steamship, each with its numerous steam winches in operation, its crew busy handling cargo and many truckmen engaged attending on it created a bustle and stir at the outer wharf yesterday worth going there to see. One of the big ocean liners, the steamship Braemar, arrived from Yokohama at 1 o'clock. She had sailed from the Japanese port on the 4th instant, and consequently brings no later Oriental advices than were received by the last Empress. The Braemar was delayed by rough winds and seas, having on one occasion to lay to in a gale encountered after crossing the meridian. Like the Empress she called at Kobe, but no one on board were allowed communication with the shore. The Braemar brought for Victoria 50 Japanese and one saloon passenger, Mr. E. N. Barff, the only occupant of the cabin on the voyage. The bulk of the cargo is tea, but the steamship has also 1,100 bales of silk and nearly 500 tons of miscellaneous freight for this city and San Francisco. The ship's stay in port will extend until 6 o'clock this morning, but the McDuff, the other N. P. visitor in port, sailed last night. Her cargo consisted of 450,000 feet of lumber, 2,050 tons of steel rails, 3,000 kegs of nails, 250 tons of flour, 2,100 bales of cotton and about 200 tons of miscellaneous freight. This cargo is not quite so valuable as some other cargoes that have left Tacoma, but it is important from the fact that it contains the first shipment of steel rails which ever left Puget Sound. Forty thousand feet of lumber was consigned to Kobe, and 50,000 feet to Yokohama. The steel rails were consigned to Yokohama, and the 250 tons of flour, 8,000 kegs of nails and 2,100 bales of cotton to Kobe. Thirty thousand more feet of lumber was taken on at Victoria, being shipped to Kobe by R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd. Her passenger list numbers seventy-seven Chinese, who were brought from Tacoma to Victoria on the Kingston last evening. The McDuff has no American passenger certificate, consequently it was necessary for the passengers to board her from territory outside the United States. She is not one of the Northern Pacific Steamship Company's regular liners, but it is probable she will make another trip for the company. Her only saloon passenger is Joseph Mannix, a representative of the Minneapolis Tribune, who is making a tour of the world. Another of the Northern Pacific liners, the Tacoma, left Yokohama for Victoria on Monday with a full general cargo, including 1,200 bales of raw silk.

CAPTAIN CLEMENTS MAY CHANGE.
Captain Edward Clements, of the Sound steamer City of Kingston, plying between Tacoma and Victoria, came up on the Willapa as a guest of Captain Roberts, says the Alaska Mining Record, of December 9. Captain Clements was for many years pilot of the Kingston under Captain Roberts, and when the latter took the Willapa on the Alaska run, Captain Clements succeeded him as master of the Kingston. His visit to Alaska may be taken as a mean that he will command either the Willapa or the Alliance when the latter shall run on the Alaska route next month. Captain Clements is a thorough steamboat man and enjoys the high esteem and confidence of all who know him.

MARINE NOTES.
A little before daylight this morning, just in time to escape seeing his friends ashore shed copious tears over his departure, as Captain Byer remarked, the sealing schooner Charlotta G. Cox will sail on a long cruise. The schooner, which cleared yesterday, will carry twenty-five whites and will cruise South, and after spending a month off the Farallones will cross to the Japan coast.

In coming down from Vancouver yesterday afternoon the Charmer lost some of her propeller blades, which kept her considerably longer than usual on the voyage. The accident will prevent her making her regular run to-day, but while she is idle the Islander will take her place, having been called into service immediately after the Charmer's arrival last evening.

The big Norwegian tramp steamer Florida, which came here from Japan, seeking, was released from quarantine yesterday, where she has been since her arrival. The three members of her crew

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who had smallpox have entirely recovered and the ship has been so thoroughly fumigated that a smallpox germ would be suffocated even though it were in hiding.

The steamship Eva, which has been lying in Esquimalt harbor for several weeks, has been chartered by the New Vancouver Coal Company to carry coal. She will make one trip in her new service and will afterwards come here for a general overhaul.

The Quadra, after finishing her engagements with the Dominion ministers, returned to port yesterday, having en route from Vancouver called at East Point lighthouse and landed some water tanks.

H.M.S. Icarus returned to Esquimalt yesterday after an absence of ten days or more, during which she has made a survey of the rock which the flagship struck some months ago.

Steamer Walla Walla arrived from San Francisco last evening, bringing in freight consignments for Victoria amounting to over 70 tons.

The City of Topeka will call at the outer wharf to-morrow, en route to Alaska.

The Empress of China reached Yokohama from this port on Monday afternoon.

ENTERED—DEC. 22.
Str. Charmer, from Vancouver.
" City of Kingston, Port Townsend.
" Rosalie, Port Townsend.
" Princess Louise, N. Westminister.
" Evangel, Port Angeles.
" Maude, Comox.
" Lorne, Chemainus.
" Braemar, Yokohama.

DECEMBER 21.
Str. Richard Holyoke from Port Townsend.
" McDuff, Tacoma.

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" Richard Holyoke, Port Angeles.
" Evangel, Port Angeles.
" Princess Louise, N. Westminister.
" Lorne, Straits.
" Maude, Comox.
" Braemar, Tacoma.
" McDuff, Yokohama.

SEAL CATCHES.
Yesterday Taken Up by the Claims Commission in Hearing Evidence as to Sealers' Luck.

The proceedings of the Behring Sea Claims Commission opened yesterday with the cross-examination of Captain Hansen as to the seizure of the Winnifred, the witness going over the same story as told in his examination in chief. Then Captain McKel was recalled to give evidence as to the catches of the Beatrice and Marion in Behring sea, and Mr. R. J. Ker produced letters written by the captain of the Maggie Mac in 1889, showing what skins the vessel had secured in Behring sea during that season. Evidence as to seal catches was given by Captain Lachlan McLean and by William Goudie. The latter was on the schooner Mollie Adams in 1889, and gave her catch as 1,500 or 1,600.

In cross-examination by Mr. Lansing, for the United States, Goudie said the Mollie Adams raided St. George's island rookeries in 1890 and secured there 400 skins. The Adams was an American schooner, said the witness.

Theodore Lubbe, called by the British side, stated that, as the Victoria agent for Martin, Bates & Co., of New York, he had purchased in 1882 326 skins, the Behring sea catch of the schooner San Diego, and in October, 1883, had bought 916 skins, the Behring sea catch of the same vessel for that year. Asked how he knew the seal were from Behring sea, the witness said that by the appearance of the skins he judged them to be Behring sea seals. In those years only Indians hunted on the coast and they handled the skins differently than white men.

TELEGRAM.

Frigid Zone, Dec. 22, 1896.
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NEW PAISLEY FLANNELS, for Wrappers, 9 different patterns, very wide, 6 yards for \$1; a great holiday novelty.
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SILK BELTS, black and colors, 25c.
NEW GLOVES, silk stitch, 25c.
SWISS EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, starting at 10c.; specially fine assortment at 25c.
LACING KID GLOVES, black and browns, 90c.
210 DOZ. SUPERIOR HEM STITCH HANDKERCHIEFS, 60c. doz.
PERRIN FRERE'S CELEBRATED KID GLOVES, every size, every color; every pair guaranteed.
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CROW'S NEST PASS.
Nothing Known Here of the Reported Competitors With the Canadian Pacific.

The dispatch from Ottawa yesterday that negotiations are going on between the Dominion government and representatives of English capitalists with a view of building an opposition road to the C.P.R. through the Crow's Nest Pass, is quite unexpected news here. As far as could be learned yesterday nobody in Victoria has any inkling as to who the promoters could be. Mr. Harry Abbott, general superintendent of the C.P.R., who was in town last night, expressed himself as doubtful whether such a project was on foot. His opinion is that the C.P.R. alone were in any favorable position to utilize the Crow's Nest Pass road, because they had already a transcontinental road with which it could connect. It was possible that some English company might be trying to secure a charter, but he did not believe it likely.

Asked if he thought that the Great Northern might be at the back of some such project, as there was a rumor last year when President Hill visited the province that he had some such views, Mr. Abbott said he thought not. The telegram from Ottawa was the first news he had seen on the subject of a competitor with the C.P.R. through the Crow's Nest Pass, and he had not the least information upon the matter otherwise.

Northern Pacific Railway to Rossland.
If you are going to Rossland be sure to travel via the Northern Pacific railway, the all-rail route. Ship your freight and express by Northern Pacific, as that line has inaugurated through all-rail freight and express service to Rossland, as well as to Nelson and other Kootenay points.

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MINING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A Deputation from Rossland Waits Upon Mr. Laurier and His Colleagues.
OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—J. F. McLaughlin, president of the Rossland, British Columbia, Board of Trade; N. R. Bogle, vice-president; J. A. Smith and A. R. Armstrong, all of Rossland, are here to-day. They came with the view of laying before the government the necessity of adopting a vigorous Western mining policy. As to what that policy should be, the delegates do not want to say, but they refer to the necessity for the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, the general development of the mines and the collecting and publishing abroad of reliable information concerning the mineral wealth of the province and the progress it is making. They also asked that the Crow's Nest Pass road be built and operated by the government so as to insure cheap transportation. The delegates had a long conference with Hon. Messrs. Laurier, Sifton and Tarte, who manifested considerable interest in the whole subject. Mr. Bostock, M.P., introduced the delegation. The Premier informed the delegates that the government was bound to pursue a broad liberal policy towards the province, both as regards immigration and mining.

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A Regular Slaughter of odds and ends of stock; and 10 per cent. discount on all cash purchases (except Slater Shoes) from our regular stock. If you contemplate giving any one of your relatives a substantial gift, see our stock of slippers.

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Manufacture the Finest Preserves in Canada

Don't buy old imported Jams; buy Okell & Morris'—pure and fresh.

A DEFICIT TO FACE.

The Lacrosse Season of '96 Closes With a Small Balance on the Wrong Side.

Below is presented a general statement of the affairs of the Capital Lacrosse Club for the season now closed, for which it will be noted that although the season opened brightly for the wearers of the blue and white, it ends with the championship again in the hands of the Vancouverians and a deficit of \$160 still to be satisfied. The executive committee had hoped to close the season free of debt, and would doubtless have done so had it not been for one or two unforeseen contingencies arising, notably the carnival match at Vancouver, the expenses of which had to be borne by the Capitals. In order to meet the liabilities it is proposed to hold one or two concerts during the winter months, all lovers of the national game thereby having opportunity to assist in relieving the club of its embarrassments. The statement of receipts and expenditures, an itemized copy of which may be seen on application to the club treasurer, Mr. Arthur Lee, is appended:

Receipts—April, to balance from Triangle Lacrosse Club, \$32.10; cash from B. C. A. L. Association, \$10.00; May 25, proceeds from game, \$362.10; June 20, proceeds from game, \$186.80; July 25, proceeds from game, \$204.20; August 22, juniors on account of loan, \$11.25; September 19, proceeds from game, \$150.00; September 19, loan, \$85.00; September 19, sale of season tickets, \$105.15; and other sources, \$40.00. Total, \$1,197.20. Expenditure—Expenses of delegates to Vancouver and New Westminster, re schedule, \$67.10; stamps, telegrams and writing, paper, \$5.25; lacrosse balls, \$15; lacrosse sticks, \$26.15; referees, \$40; refreshments and boys carrying water, \$23; collecting tickets at games, \$15.50; allowed the syndicate on account of season tickets, \$27; expenses of entertaining visiting teams, \$143.50; netting sticks, \$20.50; lacrosse shoes, \$18.65; jumpers, \$27.55; pants, \$42; sweaters, \$32; R. Foster (for training), \$75; drugs, \$34.65; printing season tickets, \$24.50; expenses of team to Vancouver and New Westminster during the season, \$149.50; expressage of sticks to and from boats, \$6; band, for playing at matches, \$35; Y.M.C.A., rent of rooms, \$10; juniors, \$45; caps, \$8; B.C.A. Lacrosse Association, \$7.50; and sundries, \$5.05. Total—\$1,197.20. Outstanding liabilities—\$160.

THE WHEEL.

FIRST OF THE NEW MODELS. The first of the 1897 bicycles has already made its appearance, Messrs. M. W. Waitt & Co. placing on exhibition yesterday the very latest design in the "Cleveland Special." In general outline there has been no material departure from the 1896 model. The frame is a trifle lower and the wheel base shorter, while the tires are slightly corrugated and with smaller aluminum base. The most noticeable new features are the Cleveland barrel pedal; flush joints throughout; a one-piece crank axle on the Fauber principle; and a ball socket saddle post permitting of effective and quick adjustment.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The British Columbia Intermediate Football Association met at the Y. M. C. A. rooms last night, when the Columbian (Victoria) were admitted into the league. They are to play the Y. M. C. A. (Victoria) on or before January 16, in the Caledonia grounds. The first game of the championship series is to be played in the Caledonia grounds here on January 2, between the Victoria Junior Wanderers and the Northfield Violets.

HERE AND THERE.

RANDOM NOTES OF ATHLETIC DOINGS. Instead of the mixed foursome tournament which was to have taken place Saturday at the Oak Bay links, the fourth monthly medal competition for ladies and gentlemen members of the V. G. C. will be held.

The usual weekly whist competition of the James Bay Athletic Association will take place to-night instead of to-morrow evening.

A shooting match, rifle and gun, for geese, takes place to-day at the Cliff house. Trappers and birds are supplied free.

Mr. A. J. Dallain has been appointed general agent in British Columbia for the Sterling bicycle, a '97 model of which has during several days past been exciting the unqualified admiration of the local experts. The unanimous verdict upon the Sterling still is that it is "Built like a watch."

The Y.M.C.A. Association and Rugby Football Clubs are to practice at Beacon Hill on Christmas morning, from 10:30 to noon. All members are requested to attend.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS.

Upwards of Twenty Public School Pupils qualify for Admission to the Collegiate Institute.

Principal E. B. Paul, of the Collegiate Institute, yesterday held a special oral examination of candidates for entrance to the High school. The following pupils have passed the required standard and are accordingly entitled to be enrolled next term as pupils of the Collegiate Institute:

From Boys' Central—Samuel Atkinson, Edwin James Clayton, Harry Dier, James Alexander Hickley, Oscar Harbridge, Harold Norman Lukes, Charles Frederick Marshall, Harry Musie, Charles William Meredith, Christopher John McRae, William Sewell Elwill Nason and Walter Shotbolt.

From Girls' Central—Jane Kirkpatrick, Kate Maud Powell, Nettie Vigelius.

From South Park—Winifred Appleton Cooley, Francis John Cox, Noel Ashley Wilnot.

From North Ward—Kate Devereux.

From Tolmie School—Dorothy Mary Moxon.

From Burgoyne Bay—Alexander Wilson.

The Cedar Hill public school closed for the Christmas holidays on Friday last, the important occasion being marked with exercises of an especially interesting character. The pupils presenting a varied programme of music and recitations, and effective addresses by the teacher, Mr. Tracy and Mr. R. M. Palmer. The latter in his remarks emphasized the importance of distinctness in reading or speaking, requesting the pupils to exercise their observation in verifying his remarks. The progress made by the Cedar Hill scholars during

the term just past is a subject of mutual congratulation with all directly interested in this school.

A GREAT COMPANY.

The British-Canadian Gold Fields, Exploration, Development and Investment Company.

[From the Toronto Mail and Empire, Dec. 11.] A special meeting of the shareholders of the British-Canadian Gold Fields, Exploration, Development and Investment Company, was held in room D, Yonge street arcade, last evening, Lieut.-Colonel Spence in the chair. The meeting was called for the purpose of the presentation of a report from Mr. Herbert Cuthbert, the Western manager. The meeting was largely attended by those interested, and Mr. Cuthbert's remarks were of a most interesting nature. After apologizing for not being able to present a written report, the gentleman gave a graphic description of the various mining districts of British Columbia, especially those in which the company are interested, Boundary Creek, Colville Reservation, North Fork of the Salmon, and Slocan. He pointed out the large scope there was for the B. C. Development Company, through the fact that they were so thoroughly in touch with these districts. Statistics were then presented referring to the various shipping mines in the above-named districts, and the speaker then went on to describe in detail the eleven properties recently acquired by the company. The four properties in the Colville reservation were shown to be very valuable claims, the assays running from \$17 to \$75 from the surface, the showing on these claims being identical. He then described the development work the company has already started on these properties. The two Boundary Creek properties, from the description, exhibit very much the same showing as the best Rossland claims. Development has been pushed on these claims, contracts being already let. The engineer's system of carrying out the work was next touched upon. Continuing, Mr. Cuthbert described at some length the four properties on the north fork of the Salmon. The development of these mines is advancing rapidly; cabins and accommodation for sixteen men have been built, a blacksmith's shop started, a new trail constructed, and considerable contract work let out. The speaker then explained how the various properties have been acquired, and the conservative manner in which the company entered into new deals. He then went into the Slocan district, pointing out the tremendous vastness of the many properties that there await development. The British-Canadian Company could claim the credit of having made a number of advantageous deals on several properties in this section. It was a certainty that within a short time the company would have a shipping mine in that district. At the conclusion of Mr. Cuthbert's address he was tendered a hearty vote of thanks by those present for the able and lucid descriptions of the various properties he had given. The chairman was also given a vote of thanks for his able services in conducting the meeting, and after this the shareholders dispersed, evidently well pleased with the prospects of returns from their investments in the B. C. Gold Fields Exploration, Development and Investment Company.

THE SUGAR INDUSTRY.

Unsatisfactory Nature of the Conditions in British Guiana and the West India Islands.

Within the past ten or fifteen years sugar has become so much cheaper and better that it will surprise many to hear that the planters in the British West India Islands, in Guiana and British Honduras are losing heavily every year, and that if some remedy is not discovered they will in a short time be ruined. They have appealed to the Home Government, and an Imperial Commission has been appointed "to proceed to the West Indies and inquire on the spot into the conditions of the sugar industry, with a view to ascertaining whether any effective measures can be devised for its development and relief."

Among the causes given for the losses of the planters are the immense increase in the production of beet-root sugar and the great cost of production of the West India article. The beet-root sugar industry in France, Germany and Austria is fostered by a bounty, and foreign competition in the home markets is shut out by heavy duties.

The only part of the British Empire where the raising of cane sugar pays is, according to the London Times, Queensland, Australia. The reason given for the success of the planters in that colony is that they have small plantations and large central mills. It is said that on the small plantations the labor does not cost nearly so much as on the large ones. The Times says:

"In evidence given before the commission held in British Guiana, it was stated that a ton of sugar cost almost £14 to produce, and that one-half the cost—that is £7—might be put down to labor. It has also been estimated that a well-equipped estate in British Guiana, producing about 3,000 tons of sugar, will employ about 1,500 laborers, besides mechanics and a management staff. Under the new system of organization in Queensland an estate of similar capacity will employ about 212 whites, including mechanics, and 420 colored laborers, giving a total of 632 hands. Throughout the plantations it has been found that the new system of small proprietors has had for one of its effects the general reduction of the labor bill by one-half.

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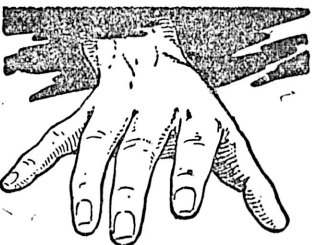
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PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

15th December, 1896.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor in Council directs that the following Rules, framed under the authority of the "County Courts Act," shall come into force from the 24th day of December, 1896.

By Command, JAMES BAKER, Provincial Secretary.

1. There shall be a vacation in the County Courts of Victoria, Nanaimo, New Westminster and Vancouver, from the 24th day of December, 1896, to the 31st day of January, 1897, both days inclusive, during which vacation, subject to the further provisions hereinafter contained, no cause shall be tried.
2. Nothing in these Rules shall interfere with the issue or service of ordinary default or judgment summonses, or garnishee proceedings, or with proceedings for obtaining judgment or default summonses.
3. Nothing in these Rules shall interfere with any criminal proceedings.
4. During said vacation the office hours of the offices of the Court shall be in accordance with Rule 633, "Supreme Court Rules, 1896."
5. These Rules may be cited as the "County Courts (Christmas) Vacation Rules, 1896." del-5



NOTICE. Assessment Act.

Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision and Appeal will sit as follows:—

For the Electoral Districts of Victoria City and Cassiar:—At 46 Langley street, in the City of Victoria, on Monday the 24th and Tuesday the 25th days of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For the Electoral District of South Victoria:—At the Royal Oak on Saturday, the 19th day of December, 1896, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., and at John Camp's, South Saanich, on Saturday the 20th day of December, 1896, at 12 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of North Victoria Electoral District known as North Saanich:—On Saturday, the 12th day of December, 1896, at the Sidney Hotel, Sidney, at 12 o'clock noon.

For the Electoral District of Esquimalt:—On Friday, the 18th day of December, 1896, at Henry Price's, Parson's Bridge, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Electoral Districts of Comox and Cassiar known as the Coast, Rupert Sayward and Quatsino Land Districts:—At 46 Langley street, Victoria, on Monday the 21st day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Cowichan-Alberni Electoral District known as Barclay and Clayquot Land Districts:—At Langley street, Victoria, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Dated at Victoria, this 24th day of November, 1896.

S. PERRY MILLS, Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal. del-3wd&w

Estate of William Gibson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Aionzo S. Taylor, of Everett, State of Washington, U.S., by order of the Hon. Mr. Justice Walker, has been appointed administrator, within the Province of British Columbia, the estate of the above-named deceased, who died at Monte Cristo, Snohomish County, State of Washington, on the 22nd day of December, 1895.

All debts owing to the said estate are to be paid, and all claims against the said estate are to be presented duly verified, to the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1896. SAMUEL D. SCHULTZ, 49 Langley street, Victoria, B.C., Solicitor for the Administrator.

Municipal Voters' List, 1897.

The Municipal Voter's Lists for the year 1897, as prepared by the undersigned, are on view in his office. By order, WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C. City Clerk's Office, Dec. 17, 1896. del-5

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Jan. 4, 9, 14, 19, 24, 29	Jan. 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31

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TIME TABLE No. 23 Takes effect November 1st, 1896.

Vancouver Route. Victoria to Vancouver—Daily, except Monday at 2 o'clock.

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New Westminster Route. LEAVE Victoria for New Westminster, Lad. Street, Landing at Lulu Island—Sunday at 2 o'clock; Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock. Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2 going East Monday.

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For Plumper Pass—Thursday and Saturday at 7 o'clock.

For Pender and Moresby Islands—Thursday at 6 o'clock.

Northern Route. Teamships of this Company will leave for Fort Simpson and intermediate ports, via Vancouver, the 1st and 15th of each month at 8 o'clock. When sufficient inducements exist, will extend trips to West Coast points and Queen Charlotte Islands.

Barclay Sound Route. Steamer Tres leaves Victoria for Alberni and Sound Ports the 10th, 20th and 30th of each month.

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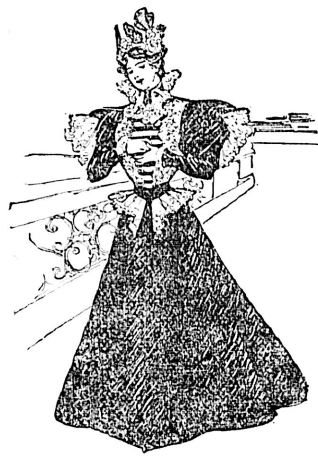
BODICES AND SLEEVES.

Collars Should Be Lined With Light Material—A Taffeta Costume.

In making bodices with a high collar it should be remembered that the collar ought to be lined with either very light goods or with material of which the dye is indelibly fast, as the dampness and constant friction of the neck are very likely to make the color of the lining stain the skin.

Sleeves, even when they are made in one piece, as is now often the case, are much improved by having a lining with two seams, as this admits of a cluster of plaits at the elbow, which gives more freedom of movement to the joint. All sleeves are now made close from the wrist to the middle of the upper arm, the fullness and drapery being arranged between that point and the shoulder. This drapery is left to fall in soft and natural folds and is not sustained by haircloth or other stiffening. Nevertheless if the material is very pliant and yielding the puffed part of the sleeve may have a lining of light but rather crisp silk.

The seams of the sleeve require to be notched throughout their whole length to avoid any tendency toward binding and



TAFFETA GOWN.

should be pressed flat open with a warm flatiron. The wrist, whether it be round, pointed, open or closed, should be slightly stiffened by a bias band of canvas or wigan. It may be faced inside with a bias band of silk, or the extra length may be turned up and fastened to the lining by cross stitching. This latter method keeps the sleeve thin at the wrist and avoids the clumsiness of a seam.

Sleeves of elbow length are much worn and are very pretty and effective. They are usually much draped and trimmed and are finished by a frill of lace or chiffon.

The illustration shows a costume of blue and white lace taffeta, with diagonal stripes of a darker blue. The bodice is plain. The bodice of antique lace has a pointed bodice and opens over a plastron, back and front, of white, plaited gauze ornamented with bars of blue taffeta. The large collar of lace falls over a straight, high collar of blue taffeta. The denim bouffant sleeves, like the skirt, have ruffles of white lace along the outside of the puff and are cut in squares at the wrist over a lace frill. JUDIC CHOLLET.

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The long summer days have afforded ample time for the accomplishment of all sorts of fancy work and embroidery, and, among other things, of decorative cushion covers. The oriental fancy for an abundance of pillows and cushions about the living rooms still continues, and great pains are taken to insure a wide variety of color, material and design. There are delicate patterns embroidered in blue on white linen or canvas, or in white on blue denim, the windmill being a favorite subject; there are cushion covers having a lace applique over color; there are squares in Russian or Roumanian embroidery on a ground of heavy cream linen—in fact, there are all sorts of ornamental effects, the holder being the better, as fineness and delicacy are more suited to table linen and similar articles than to the covering of cushions which are to form part of the general decoration of a room. Fine outlining and miniature spray embroidery, no matter how beautifully done, are not so satisfactory as heavy applications and other designs in which the pattern is large enough to show well both its color and



SILK TOILET.

form at a distance. As for the filling of the cushions, there is room for variety there also. The down pillows ordinarily seen are hardly full enough, and down is not sufficiently elastic to be really the most comfortable filling. Good feathers are better for the larger proportion of a set of cushions. Curled hair, well plucked apart, is substantial and satisfactory, and even fine, soft hay may be utilized. For perfume there are the pillows made of pine or balsam fir needles and of rose petals, American Beauties and June roses being the sweetest. The petals must be thoroughly dried before they are put in the case.

Today's sketch shows a costume of broche green and mauve silk. The bodice is adorned at either side of the bodice, at the top, with a scarf of dark green satin, ending in a chain. The bodice has a yoke of green satin embroidered with steel, and the collar and the plait in front, as well as the belt, are of green satin. The close sleeves are of mauve taffeta, the pointed wrists being embroidered with steel and having a frill of white lace. The draped sleeve puffs are also of mauve taffeta. JUDIC CHOLLET.

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REJOICING IN CUBA.

Grand Pageant and Feasting to Celebrate the Death of Maceo—Where He Fell.

HAVANA, Dec. 22.—The correspondent of the Associated Press left Havana at an early hour Sunday morning by rail for Mariano, and thence by coach to attend the grand feast tendered to Major Ciruejeda at Punta Brava in honor of his part in the killing of Maceo. It was like a summer day, and the road was lined with troops the entire distance to protect the persons attending the feast.

Before the feast there was a grand pageant, which was witnessed with great enthusiasm. The feast was inaugurated with mass. Major Ciruejeda's column and the guerilla forces under Peral, which fought at Punta Brava when Maceo was killed, were the participants and the chaplain of the San Quentin battalion officiated. The correspondent visited the spot at Concepcion where the fight with Maceo occurred. He was accompanied by the guide who led the troops on that occasion, and was shown the exact spot where the clash between the opposing sides took place.

The feast to Major Ciruejeda was given under the central Callejo and was a splendid banquet, 1,200 plates being laid. Major Ciruejeda, his officers and the men of the column were the honored guests. It passed off in the best order, cheers being given for Spain, the queen regent, the minister of war, Capt.-Gen. Weyler, the Marquis of Ahumada, the army and navy and Major Ciruejeda. It was voted unanimously by the participants to the feast to petition the town council to change the name of Punta Brava to San Quentin in honor of Major Ciruejeda's wife.

Before the feast broke up a message was received from the Queen Regent, through the Marquis of Ahumada, congratulating her godson, the young Alfonso, Marquis de Grijalba, who came voluntarily to serve as a corporal under Major Ciruejeda. It was noticed along the route to Punta Brava that many houses had been destroyed within sight of the roadside.

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TO THE EDITOR:—I am glad to notice that several of our citizens are interesting themselves in militia matters, and while it may not be possible for the city council to rebate the poll tax to the members of the corps, it is only reasonable that the necessary legislation should be secured at once to accomplish it, assuming, of course, that the power does not already exist. The young men who are interested in the battalion give a great deal of their time, and take considerable trouble to advance its interests, and, as you already doubtless know, the government pay is only \$6 per year, which is funded for company purposes; therefore, no payment for personal use is received by the militiamen.

It has been stated that in all other cities of the Dominion the members of the militia are exempt from this tax, and surely Victoria, now the matter has been broached, will be as generous as the other cities of Canada. One writer has made an appeal on account of the band, the expenses of which (with the exception of an annual grant of \$100 by the Dominion government) are borne by the officers of the battalion. It has not been without considerable difficulty that the strength has been kept up. If merchants and those employing labor would lend a hand in making a position for some of the worthy members of the band who depend largely upon their music for a living it would serve to conserve its high state of proficiency, and I feel sure, sir, that if your readers are conversant with all the facts, the necessary help will be forthcoming, and the battalion, including the band, will have just reason to feel that their efforts are appreciated.

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Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for the passage of an act to incorporate a Company to be called "The Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company," to construct, equip and operate a line of railway from some point on Burrard Inlet or English Bay to New Westminster, thence eastward through the valley of the Fraser River and the southern part of British Columbia, by the most direct and feasible route, to the Town of Rossland, with power to amalgamate with, lease, purchase or otherwise acquire the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company, or any railway, or portion of a railway, either as a branch or of part of such main line; to build a branch line or lines from the City of New Westminster to some point on the coast line between the International Boundary Line and Point Garry, and such other branch lines as may be deemed advisable; to construct, maintain, operate, ferries, wharves and docks; to make traffic and operating arrangements with other railway lines, and to construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines for other than railway purposes.

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Solicitor for the Applicants.

The Nest Egg Mining Company, Limited Liability.

Notice is hereby given that the special general meeting of the shareholders of the above Company, which was held at the head office, Victoria, B.C., on Monday, December 7th, 1896, at 3:30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the advisability of disposing of the whole of its assets, is adjourned until January 10th, 1897, at the same hour and place.

By order,
W. H. ELLIS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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NOTICE.

A special meeting of the shareholders of the British Columbia Coal, Petroleum & Mineral Company, Limited Liability, will be held at the Company's office, 45 Fort Street, Victoria, on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon, to pass a resolution authorizing the company to dispose of the whole of its assets on terms to be agreed upon.

Dated December 2nd, 1896.
F. B. PEMBERTON,
Secretary.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Dominion Parliament at its next sitting for a private bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating a railway from a point on the south boundary line of British Columbia, between the 134th and 136th degrees of longitude, at the head of Jann Canal, and thence northerly and westerly by the most feasible route to the north boundary line of British Columbia, with power to construct, maintain, and operate branch lines and other necessary bridges, ferries, and wharves, and to construct, own, and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to build, own, and operate steam and other vessels, to take and use water for generating electricity and other purposes, and to acquire foreshore rights and lands for the right of way, station grounds, and other necessities, and to acquire lands and other bonuses or aids from the Government of Canada and British Columbia, or from any municipality, corporation, or person, to aid in the construction of the said railway, and to make all other arrangements with other railway companies or persons, and for all other usual and necessary powers and privileges, and also for power to levy a royalty on all precious metals passing outward over the said road when constructed.

Dated at the City of Victoria, British Columbia, this 19th day of August, 1896.

DRAKE JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
Solicitors for Applicants.

Victoria, B. C. au23

NOTICE.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Island Mountain Quartz Mining & Milling Company (Limited Liability) will be held at the Board of Trade Rooms, Victoria, B.C., on Monday, 28th day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of sanctioning and confirming an agreement with a company called The Island Mountain Gold Mines (Limited) of London, England, for the purpose of authorizing the Trustees to convey and transfer to the said Company all the properties, leases and assets of every kind of the Island Mountain Quartz Mining & Milling Company (Limited Liability), and also to sanction an agreement as to the distribution of stock set forth in a letter addressed by the President of the Island Mountain Quartz Mining & Milling Company (Limited Liability) to the Directors of the Island Mountain Gold Mines (Limited) dated July 27th, 1896.

T. LUBBE, Secretary.

Victoria, 23rd November, 1896. no25-4w

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an act to incorporate a religious body to be called and known as "The Holiness Movement (or Church)," and to authorize such corporation to meet and adopt, frame or repeal constitutions, and to make regulations for enforcing discipline in said Church, and to empower said corporation to acquire, receive and take conveyances of such lands, monies, mortgages, securities or other property as may be required for the purposes of a chapel or chapels, college or colleges, school or schools, or other educational purposes connected with the said Church, and for the purpose of a printing and publishing house or houses in connection with the said Church, and for power to undertake and carry on such business of printing and publishing, and for authority and power to endow and support such chapels, colleges and schools, and such printing and publishing house or houses and a book depository or depositories in connection therewith, and to take and receive the benefit of any gift or devise by will or otherwise in its said corporate name or otherwise, and to give said Church all necessary powers connected therewith.

BRADLEY & WILD,
Solicitors for Applicants.

Dated at Ottawa, this 16th day of November, A.D. 1896. no25-11w-9t

NOTICE is hereby given that on Monday, the 4th day of January, A.D. 1897, at the hour of 2:30 o'clock p.m. at my auction room, Dunn, H. B. Block, Vancouver, I will offer for sale at public auction pursuant to instructions received by me from the receiver, all and singular the certain piece or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the city of Vancouver, and described as City Lot numbered 30 (thirty) of Block numbered 13 (thirteen) in the subdivision of the westerly portion of Lot number 126, Group 1, New Westminster District of December, 1896, a map or plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at New Westminster, and there numbered 184. Terms cash. Dated this 14th day of December, A.D. 1896. W. H. Hooper, auctioneer. de15 td

Public Notice.

To Whom it May Concern.

Take notice that I have revoked all Powers of Attorney given by me at any time to Harry Symons, of the City of Calgary, in the District of Alberta, Advocate, and that the said Harry Symons is no longer in any way authorized to act on my behalf.

no23-1w H. E. FORSTER.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

In the Matter of the Official Administrators Act and in the Matter of the Estate of Maggie Burke, Deceased Intestate.

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Walker, bearing date the 4th day of December, 1896, I was appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the above-named deceased.

Persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased are requested to send me particulars thereof on or before the 31st day of December, A.D. 1896, and all persons indebted to said deceased are required to pay such indebtedness to the foregoing.

W. MCNEIL,
Official Administrator.

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THE THERMOMETER.

ESQUIMAULT STATION, Dec. 22, 1896.
Report for 24 hours ending 9 p.m.

Time	Temp.	Mean	Direction of Wind
1 a.m.	45°	45°	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m.	45°	45°	
9 a.m.	44°	47°	5 a.m.—Calm.
1 p.m.	47°	47°	1 p.m.—4 N.
5 p.m.	44°	40°	9 p.m.—4 N.
9 p.m.	40°		Rain -0.23.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

No Sun.

Barometer 9 a.m. ... 30.155
Reduced ... 30.127
E. BAYNES REED, Observer.

Your Xmas Photos?

It is about time, if you wish to send them to the Old Country. You want the best—that is Car-bonnettes made by
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Skene Lowe.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer KINGSTON from the Sound—Mrs. Anderson, W. Marriott, H. Smith, Thos. Smith, Chas. Johnson, E. E. Carter, E. Carter, P. W. Spencer, E. A. Montez, N. Lillberg, G. H. Brown, N. L. Williams, and A. G. Brown.

Per steamer ROSALIE from the Sound—Evan Bennett, Mrs. Webster, Jas. Dunsmuir, Mrs. Dunsmuir, Miss Dunsmuir, R. W. Dunsmuir, Mrs. Austin, and William Oakes.

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AGENTS.

PROTECTION THE KEYNOTE.

Mr. Dingley, of the Ways and Means Committee, on the Coming Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Speaking of the tariff bill, which will be introduced at the next session of congress, Chairman Dingley, of the ways and means committee, said to-day: "Protection is the great purpose of the bill. Protection to American industries will be the actuating motive in framing the bill, and that protection which is needed will be given. It matters not whether the duties necessary to give protection be high or low, that has nothing to do with it. It is protection that we are after."

"Will the average rate of duties in the bill you are to frame be higher or lower than in the McKinley bill?"

"Well, I don't see any reason for supposing that any of the duties will be higher. I do not know of any industry which needs more protection than they had then. I don't think that there is any such industry. Where the industries need less protection the duties will be lower than in the McKinley bill. But the fact that protection is to be the keynote of the tariff bill which is to be presented to the next congress should not be lost sight of. It should be kept in mind all the time."

Mining Companies' office stationery a specialty at the Colonist office.

PERSONAL.

D. Alexander and wife, of Duncan, are at the Oriental.

William Oakes came over from Seattle by yesterday's Rosalie.

Ven. Archdeacon Scriven has returned from a flying visit to the Mainland.

E. J. Palmer, of Chemainus, and Thomas E. Ladner, of Ladner's, are guests at the Briard.

A. G. H. Potts, Kootenay; G. W. De Beck and H. F. Keefer, Vancouver, are among the arrivals at the New England.

H. Abbott, general superintendent C.P.R., Vancouver, accompanied by his private secretary, J. P. Geddes, is registered at the Briard.

James and Mrs. Dunsmuir, Miss Dunsmuir and R. William Dunsmuir were passengers home from Seattle by the Rosalie yesterday morning.

Fred. Foord and A. A. Berrow, Salt Spring Island; J. W. Griffiths, Klahosh; J. Cameron and Alex. McKee, Alberni; J. Sheldord, Cobble Hill; J. Burrill, Galiano Island; G. Lawton, San Juan Island; H. Holling, Cobble Hill; R. Swannick, Metehosin; and J. McCarthy and James Lauderdale, Port Townsend, are registered at the Occidental.

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READY FOR THE WORST

The Spanish Government Preparing for Ultimate Contingencies—Impatience of Delay.

Rebel Demonstrations in Spain—Conceding the Philippine Situation—Fighting in Cuba.

MADRID, Dec. 22.—The cabinet meeting to-day was presided over by Senor Canovas del Castillo, president of the council. It is believed that the cabinet considered President Cleveland's message so far as it dealt with the Cuban question and also measures for coast defence and the increase of the fleet. The newspapers here praise the activity shown by General Azzarraga, Minister of War, which according to report includes the distribution of pamphlets amongst leading Spanish army officers describing the military condition in the United States. The newspapers on the other hand censure the delays by the Minister of Marine.

After the publication of an official denial that a revolutionary band had been dispersed near this city, an official telegram was published here stating that gendarmes has dispersed a band of ten men bearing a republican flag of Novelda, in the province of Alicante, in Southeastern Spain. It is further reported officially that seven of the men were killed and that a number of dynamite bombs had been seized. The cabinet at its session to-day decided not to make any reply to President Cleveland's message through diplomatic channels.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A Madrid special to the Daily News says that in order to insure the success of the next loan the government is straining every nerve to conceal the true situation in the Philippines. The whole colony is in revolt, and scattered bodies of Spanish troops have been hemmed in by the rebels. It is rumored that a certain proportion of the German reserve officers are in the insurgent ranks.

HAVANA, Dec. 22.—General Solano reports from Santa Clara that Lieut. Col. Glicer, in command of the Granada battalion, has had an engagement in that district with a force of insurgents. The general adds that the enemy lost over 200 killed and wounded. The insurgents have lifted the rails and derailed an exploring engine in the Province of Matanzas, killing the conductor and so seriously injuring the engineer that both his legs had to be amputated.

General Rolfano has raised the siege of the village of Mayagigua in Santa Clara province and has in turn attacked the insurgents, who retreated from the town with losses.

A detachment of troops at the plantation of Progresso in Matanzas has killed the insurgent leader Bernardino Veldeavillago. Capt.-Gen. Weyler arrived at 7 o'clock this morning at Maril, and was at Artezima by 11 o'clock, whence he proceeded by coach. Gen. Weyler has ordered that the cattle should be gathered up immediately by the guerillas in order to deprive the insurgents of their food supply.

THE CAMERON RESOLUTION.

Secretary Olney's Interpretation Discussed by the Press of London—Position of President Cleveland.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Times in an editorial says it thinks that in the face of Mr. Olney's distinct intimation of President Cleveland's intention toward the Cameron resolution, the two houses of congress may hesitate to accept the responsibility of the resolution.

"President Cleveland has nothing to gain by yielding," the Times continues, "and it is difficult to see what the majority in congress could do. Is he to be arraigned before the supreme court and impeached eventually for disobedience, if he be found in the wrong of the movement."

"The question appears more likely to be a conflict of the powers within the American constitution than between Spain and the United States. Even if Mr. Sherman should be secretary of state in the new administration, it is hardly likely that Mr. McKinley would surrender his independence as executive."

Can't Eat

This is the complaint of thousands at this season. They have no appetite; food does not relish and often fails to digest, causing severe suffering. Such people need the toning up of the stomach and digestive organs, which a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla will give them. It also purifies and enriches the blood, cures that distress after eating and

Internal Misery

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"I have been troubled with indigestion for some time. After eating anything that was sweet I was sure to experience great difficulty and distress. Last fall I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and am glad to say that my stomach trouble has entirely disappeared. I can now eat a hearty meal of almost any kind of food and have no trouble afterwards. Hood's Sarsaparilla has also cured me of nervous spells." JOHN H. HOMERGAUSEN, Wheatland, Iowa. Such cures prove that

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and enter upon the incalculable risk of a war with Spain."

The Chronicle also discusses the constitutional question involved in the apparent difference between President Cleveland and congress on the Cameron resolution. This paper thinks that Mr. Olney cannot put his foot down so absolutely and that he must have been misunderstood, "because, even admitting the difficulty of bringing the matter before the supreme court, congress could apparently impeach the President, or take the quicker step of declaring war against Spain."

The Standard, on the other hand, does not doubt but that Mr. Olney's doctrine is perfectly sound. It says: "We seem to be in the presence of one of those checks which the fathers of the American constitution wisely imposed upon the impulsive or spasmodic ignorance of the crowd and its more direct representatives."

MAGICIAN HERMANN.

His Professional Successes Did Not Result in the Accumulation of a Fortune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Since the death of Prof. Hermann, the magician, there has been much speculation as to the amount of his fortune. It is known that the receipts of his tours for several years have been enormous, reaching in some instances as high as \$80,000 in a single season. This led many to believe that he must have accumulated at least a quarter of a million dollars. Others more intimate with his affairs asserted that he saved very little. Mme. Hermann through her counsel, Mr. A. H. Hummell, appeared before Surrogate Weller yesterday and applied for letters of administration and declared the property left by the magician not worth \$2,000, in fact, his debts far exceeded the amount of the assets of his estate.

"Prof. Hermann lived up to every penny he earned during his lifetime," said Mr. Hummell. He profited to the extent of \$60,000 or \$70,000 every season, but was extravagant. The steam launch Fra Diavolo absorbed a small fortune. He had a raft of carriages, over a dozen horses, a town house and a country house full of servants. His insurance was hypothecated for moneys advanced. His magical apparatus intact is to be used by his nephew, who is on his way to America from Paris to take up Hermann's route. Hermann's greatest losses were his purchase of the Brooklyn theatre, his attempt at the management of the Broad street theatre, Philadelphia, which cost \$50,000, his venture at what is now the Savoy in this city, where he lost more than \$40,000."

TREATING SPAIN UNFAIRLY.

Feeling Throughout the Kingdom That the United States Are Not Acting Justly.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Standard's Madrid correspondent says: "The feeling is unanimous that America is treating Spain unfairly by trying to drive her by systematic, violent and unwarranted provocation into an unequal struggle, simply because the United States has obtained the assurance that European people will only give Spain purely platonic sympathies."

The tone of the press is striking. The republican papers are as bitter against any surrender as the Catholic and Carlist press.

El Dia remarks that the commercial classes cease all relations with the United States with a view of stopping all trade between the two countries. The provincial press is even more energetic. Much anti-American feeling exists at Barcelona, Bilbao and other towns.

A MUNIFICENT BENEFACTOR.

Two Millions of Dollars for the Public Began by an Ex-Mayor of Boston.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—The will of the late Henry L. Pierce, ex-mayor of Boston, has been filed in probate, and upwards of \$2,000,000 in public bequests are distributed. The chief beneficiaries are Harvard College, the general hospital, the institution of technology, the museum of fine arts and the Massachusetts homeopathic hospital, which get \$50,000 each. The impartiality of the distribution is shown by provisions made for the Methodist, Baptist, Orthodox, Unitarian and Catholic societies of Dorchester Lower Hills, where Mr. Pierce lived, and Episcopal Society of Ashmont, each of which will receive \$3,000.

ARCHBISHOP TEMPLE CONSECRATED.

Objection Taken on the Ground That He Is a Self-Confessed Unbeliever.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—During the ceremony to-day of the consecration of the Right Rev. Frederick Temple, D.D., Archbishop of Canterbury, at Bow church, Rev. Mr. Brown John, chaplain to the late Bishop of Bath, rose and protested against the consecration, on the ground that Dr. Temple was a self-confessed believer in the full doctrine of evolution, and this doctrine is incompatible with the fidelity of the book of common prayer and the articles of religion. The royal commissioners declined to hear Rev. Mr. Brown John.

THEODORE DURRANT.

Counsel for the Defence File Another Plea—Ten Days Further for a Reply.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—What may prove to be the beginning of the end of the Durrant case took place in the chamber of the superior court yesterday. The brief of Theodore Durrant was filed and was granted a re-submission. The attorney-general also filed a brief replying to the defendant's counsel. Durrant is now given ten days in which to file a brief, replying, after which the case of the alleged murder of Blanche Lamont will be finally decided.

Canada Southern Railway.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The report of the Canada Southern railway for the year ending December 31, after allowing the percentage to the Michigan Central, shows a net cash earning of \$296,000, and a deficit of \$39,500 after the dividends, reducing the net surplus to \$29,500.

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TENDERS.

Kate Field's Remains.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The remains of Miss Kate Field arrived to-day from Honolulu on the steamer Belgic. The casket was enclosed in a wooden covering and placed on board the steamer at Honolulu without any display.

Negro Lynched.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 22.—Joe James, colored, was lynched at Woodstock last night. Yesterday he attempted to assault Fannie Smith, aged 17, while she was on her way to school. The negro was pursued for miles and brought back and identified by the girl. He confessed and said he wanted to steal the girl's lunch. He was strung up without further ceremony.

Carver Defeats Winston.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Dr. Carver defeated John L. Winston in the two remaining bird matches to-day by a score 45 to 39, and 45 to 38. This gives Carver four out of six of the matches.

Cuban Recognition Condemned.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 22.—The directors of the chamber of commerce, the largest and most influential commercial organization in Baltimore, at a special meeting to-day adopted resolutions denouncing the action of the foreign relations committee in the matter of the resolutions concerning the recognition of Cuban independence.

Lumbermen Demand Protection.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 22.—At a meeting here to-day of the Lumber Manufacturers' Association, attended by many of the largest mill owners of Georgia, Florida and Alabama, resolutions were adopted calling upon congress to afford protection to the lumbering industry by a tariff on foreign lumber. A specific duty of \$2 per thousand feet is asked for, this being virtually a return to the duty under the McKinley tariff.

Another Chicago Failure.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—A receiver was to-day appointed for the general contracting firm of Angus & Gindele. The failure is indirectly the result of the suspension of the National Bank of Illinois, to which institution the firm was indebted \$250,000. The suspension of the bank, it is stated, ruined the firm's credit. The assets were given at \$300,000 and the liabilities at \$250,000.

Chinamen Quarantined in Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—Eighty-four Chinamen arrived on the Belgic from



NOTICE.

Lease of Timber Limits, QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLAND.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, 21st January, 1897, from any person, persons, or corporation, for permission to lease the under-mentioned lands for the purpose of cutting spars, timber or lumber, subject to the provisions of the "Land Act," and amendments thereto, viz:—

Lots 32, 33, 34 and 35, Queen Charlotte Island; containing in the aggregate 10,314 acres. The competitor offering the highest cash bonus will be entitled to a lease of the premises for a term of twenty-one years.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified bank cheque to cover the cost of survey, \$4,985.70, the first year's rental, \$1,517.10, and the amount of the bonus tendered. The cheques will be at once returned to unsuccessful competitors.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works,
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 23rd November, 1896. n28-1m

TENDERS will be received by the under-

signed for house and lot with outbuildings, up to the 19th December. Can be seen by applying on the premises 299 Moss street, A. Edwards.

Yokohama and Hongkong to-day.

Smallpox is prevalent at present in several oriental ports, and although the health officers found no trace of smallpox on board, the Chinese were quarantined as a precautionary measure. The cabin passengers and whites in the steamer were landed.

Shot His Wife and Son.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 22.—James Preston shot his wife and son, and shot himself to-day. Preston and his wife will die but the son will recover. Jealousy was the cause.

Killed His Sister.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—John Ryan, a pedlar, murdered his sister Katharine to-night by smashing her skull with a baseball bat. After killing her he turned over the stove and set fire to the house. The police believe that Ryan is insane.

Silk mantel drapes, table covers, Tidesy table drapes and cushion covers at Weiler Bros.

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